



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

October 23, 2003

**S. 1669**

**A bill to reauthorize the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on October 15, 2003*

S. 1669 would amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to allocate fiscal year 2004 budget authority for certain programs carried out by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Coast Guard. CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no effect on the federal budget.

The programs that S. 1669 would reauthorize are financed by a permanent, indefinite appropriation from the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (ARTF). Each year, amounts deposited in that fund from excise taxes, customs duties, and interest income become available in the following year for a variety of conservation and restoration projects. Enacting S. 1669 would change the allocation of budget authority for fiscal year 2004 (roughly \$440 million) among the different programs financed by the ARTF, but would not provide additional budget authority or affect the timing or level of spending from the fund. In the absence of this legislation, \$92 million would be allocated to other ARTF programs that do not expire.

S. 1669 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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